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CERTIFICATE OF NEED UPDATE
WHAT'S NEW?

1. **NEW CON APPLICATIONS for 1) Acute Beds & Services & Equipment, 2) ORS-GI Endo & Ambulatory Surgery; 3) Rehabilitation Beds Effective for September 1, 2008 Reviews. ALL prior applications for these services have been replaced. To receive a copy of the new applications, contact the CON Section (919)855-3873.**
 2. **NEW POLICY in 2008 State Medical Facilities Plan: Policy Gen-3 applies to ALL certificate of need applications for new healthcare facilities, services, and equipment. Applicants must demonstrate conformity with this policy including the **3 Basic Principles in Chapter 1**: promote cost-effective approaches expand health care services to the underserved and encourage quality health care services. Please read carefully and answer fully.**
 3. **The following Certificate of Need rules in 10A NCAC 14C were amended effective February 1, 2008:**

.1903	Radiation Therapy Equipment	.2101-.2103, .2106	Surgical Services and Operating Rooms
.2701-.2703	Magnetic Resonance Scanner	.3702 PET Scanner	Section .2300 CT Scanner Services
.4002-.4003	Hospice Inpatient Facilities and Hospice Residential Care Facilities.		
- In addition, a new rule was adopted effective February 1, 2008--10A NCAC 14C .4006—Facility requirements for hospice inpatient and hospice residential care facilities.**
4. Effective October 1, 2007, the General Assembly increased the fees for certificate of need applications. Applications submitted for reviews beginning after October 1, 2007 will pay a **minimum fee of \$5,000** for a capital expenditure of \$0 to \$1,000,000. The fee for capital expenditures over \$1,000,000 increases at the rate of \$.003 per additional \$1 of capital expenditure up to a **maximum fee of \$50,000**.
 5. The CON Section announces the promotion of two project analysts to Team Leaders: Martha Frisone and Helen Alexander. Ms. Frisone will lead the West Team (HSAs I, II & III) and Ms. Alexander will lead the East Team (HSAs IV, V & VI). The CON Section also announces four new project analysts: Tom Elkins, Angie Matthes, Bernetta Thorne-Williams, and Greg Yakaboski. Assignments are as follows: Mr. Elkins to HSA II, Ms. Matthes to HSA III, Ms. Thorne-Williams to HSA VI, and Mr. Yakaboski to HSA IV. Also, Gene DePorter has been assigned HSA VI.
 6. There is a new Abridged Certificate of Need Application for Replacement or Renovation of Adult Care Homes with No Change in Bed Capacity which became effective October 1, 2007. It should be used for renovations or replacements of existing adult care homes in the same county that do not involve a change in bed capacity. Every effort will be made to complete the review of these applications in less than 90 days. Please contact Craig Smith at (919)-855-3875 or Craig.Smith@ncmail.net if you have any questions regarding the use of this abbreviated application form.
 7. There is a new Abridged Certificate of Need Application for Replacement or Renovation of Nursing Facilities with No Change in Bed Capacity which became effective April 12, 2007. It should be used for renovations or replacements of existing nursing facilities in the same county that do not involve a change in bed capacity. Every effort will be made to complete the review of these applications in less than 90 days. Please contact Craig Smith at (919)-855-3875 or Craig.Smith@ncmail.net if you have any questions regarding the use of this abbreviated application form.
 8. Adult Care Home and Nursing Facility reimbursement rates for 2008 CON applications are posted on the CON Section web site when they are available. The CON Section web address is: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/coneed/index.html>
 9. The Certificate of Need Section maintains a mailing list of persons who want to receive notice of proposed CON rule changes. If you would like to be included on the mailing list for notice of proposed rules, please call or e-mail Mary Helen Brincefield at 919-855-3873 or maryhelen.brincefield@ncmail.net.
 10. The Division of Facility Services is now called Division of Health Service Regulation.